

# FORT PIERCE NEWS

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## ACCIDENT CAUSES HIS DEATH

### S. A. Free Horribly Mangled By Freight Train Monday.

A horrible accident occurred at West Jupiter Monday afternoon in which a former citizen of Fort Pierce lost his life. S. A. Free, section master at the above place, boarded a freight train to ride across the bridge to attend to some switch lights on the other side.

When he reached the desired spot Mr. Free attempted to step from the train, but it was moving faster than he thought, and in some way he was thrown under the moving train. His body was horribly cut and gashed, one foot was severed from the limb and at least a dozen severe cuts were made across various parts of his body while two ugly cuts were made on his head.

He was at once carried to West Palm Beach, where the wounds were dressed and the physicians prepared to send him to the hospital at St. Augustine. He was placed on the first passenger train, but at Gomez, opposite his own home place, death came.

The body was put off at Fort Pierce and carried to the home of the deceased father-in-law, W. J. Cogan.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by the local lodge of Masons, of which he was a member.

Mr. Free was about thirty-four years old and came to Fort Pierce about six years ago from South Georgia. He was railroad section foreman at his place for two or three years and made a host of friends. He married Miss Annie Cogan, of our town, about five years ago. He has been in the employ of the Florida East Coast Railway in the same capacity at various points and had been at West Jupiter only a short time.

He leaves a wife and small daughter to mourn his death and the entire community sympathizes with them in their bereavement.

## Church

Sunday at 11 o'clock Dr. T. W. Tomkies will preach his farewell sermon as pastor of the Methodist church, and at 7.30 Rev. Olin Boggess, B. D., will preach his introductory sermon. Mr. Boggess came from Louisville, Ky., to Florida two weeks ago and was sent as pastor of the Methodist churches here and at Stuart for 1907.

St. Andrews church Sunday services: Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning prayer 11 a. m., Mr. W. T. Harbin lay reader.

Christmas Day services by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Moore. Celebration Holy Communion 6 a. m. Sunday School Festival at 3 p. m.

The Workers of the Baptist Sunday school have decided to have presents from the parents put on the Christmas tree Monday evening and that genial old lad, "Santa Claus," will be on hand to distribute things and amuse old and young. Everybody invited to attend.

P. C. Eldred, of Eldred was in town Wednesday.

Rev. A. D. Penney spent from Friday to Monday in Palatka, attending the annual conference of the Methodist church.

Tonight Miss Hobbs at the Improvement Club Hall, popular prices, reserved seats 50 cents, general admission 35 cents, children 25 cents.

Carl Christensen had the misfortune to stick a nail into his foot, last Monday morning, while working on a building at St. Lucie.

The last performance Saturday night, "The Inventor. The Pickers are one of the best companies on the road this season. A rare treat is in store for you.

C. H. Munch and G. E. Coon, of Jensen; G. A. Braddock, Sebastian; O. Roach, Vero; E. J. Traynor, White City, and Lewis Harris, of Narrows, were in Fort Pierce Wednesday to attend the St. Lucie county Democratic executive committee meeting.

C. T. McCarty, Otis R. Parke, H. G. Benson, T. J. O'Brien and Sheriff R. Lennard went to Sebastian Tuesday to be present at the Hardee-Bray case before Justice Laine, the two first being attorneys for the State in the case. Fred Pee was also in attendance as attorney for the defense.

## AN APPROACHING MARRIAGE

### The Contracting Parties Are Well Known in Fort Pierce.

The Fort Pierce friends of the contracting parties received the following invitation Monday night.

"Mr. and Mrs. Jerome William Stuart request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mabel to Mr. Marion Melnotte Hendrix on Wednesday evening, January second, nineteen hundred and seven, half past eight o'clock, Presbyterian church, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Both of these young people are well known in Fort Pierce, where they have a host of friends, who will wish them joy and prosperity. Mr. Hendrix was for a couple of years proprietor of the Fort Pierce Drug Company, and made hundreds of friends and was a general favorite in social circles.

The bride to be, Miss Mabel Stuart with her mother and sister, spent last winter at St. Lucie, often attending social functions in Fort Pierce, and her charming manner won for her many friends among our residents.

We hope to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix to Fort Pierce on their bridal tour.

## CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

### Changes in Methodist Pastors on the East Coast.

The Florida annual conference of the Methodist church which convened in Palatka last Wednesday closed Monday, after the reading of the appointments by Bishop Morrison. The following are the assignments for the East Coast.

S. W. Lawler—presiding elder, Lemon City—J. R. Blocker, Delray—C. D. Ward, Miami—L. D. Lowe, West Palm Beach—H. Hill, Fort Pierce—O. Boggess, Indian River Mission—A. S. Patterson, Titusville—M. T. Allen, New Smyrna—J. M. Glazier, Daytona—L. Oser, DeLand—C. A. Saunders, Palatka—J. H. Bell, Sanford—D. B. Sweat, Hastings—G. J. Kennelly.

Rev. T. W. Tomkies of Fort Pierce goes to Palmetto, and W. A. Myres, well-known in St. Lucie county, was transferred from Key West to Kissimmee. Rev. O. Faus, who supplied Sebastian and other Indian river churches was sent to Middleburgh.

## Executive Committee Meeting

The new Democratic executive committee for St. Lucie county met at the office of Hemmings & Andrews Wednesday afternoon with the following members present: F. L. Hemmings, W. E. VanLandingham, W. R. Jackson, Fort Pierce; C. H. Munch, Geo. E. Coon, Jensen; Geo. A. Braddock, Sebastian; O. Roach, Vero; E. J. Traynor, White City.

An organization was perfected and the following officers elected: F. L. Hemmings, chairman; W. R. Jackson, secretary; Geo. E. Coon, treasurer.

Lewis Harris, who was present, was elected to fill the vacancy in the Narrows precinct.

## Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the good people of Fort Pierce and West Jupiter for the good services rendered at the loss of my husband.

MRS. S. A. FREE.

## MISS CLEOPATRA ON NEW YEARS

### Three-act Comedy to be Presented by Local Talent.

The coming production of "Miss Cleopatra" in Fort Pierce is exciting much discussion and curiosity among the play-going public. The play is a decided novelty, and is undoubtedly the most interesting offering of the season. The action develops a rich burlesque on modern society, and is full of side-splitting laughs from beginning to end. The play is being carefully rehearsed under the direction of Fletcher A. Russell, the well-known gifted professional, and the company is composed of talented amateurs, who have been specially selected for the characters they are to impersonate.

Miss Cleopatra Collins, from whom the play takes its name, is a charming and beautiful amateur actress, who being jilted by the fortune-seeking Edwin Vane, feigns insanity, and creating some startling and nerve-racking situations, finally emerges triumphant. The action of the play is quick and snappy, and there won't be a dull moment during the course of the whole lively three acts.

The production will occur on New Year's night at the Improvement Club hall and the proceeds are for the benefit of that institution.

The following is the cast:  
Miss Cleopatra, Miss Davenport.  
(A charming lunatic.)  
Mr. Rawkins, Fletcher Russell.  
(A retired sausage maker.)  
Mrs. Rawkins, Mrs. C. T. McCarty.  
(Who enforces her rights.)  
Milly Rawkins, Miss Faber.  
(Pretty and rich.)  
Edward Vane, W. E. Tylander.  
(A male flirt.)  
Bob Lupton, A. B. Brown.  
(His friend.)  
Old Sleuth, Clyde Killer.  
(Who never sleeps.)  
Montague Mowler, F. L. Hemmings.  
(A tragedian in hard luck.)  
Jelks, Howard Saunders.  
(A faithful servant.)

## A Correction.

### To the Pineapple Growers:

I am informed that a report is being circulated by Mr. Barton, traveling for Merryday & Co., to the effect that we had written Merryday & Co. for a few cars of pineapple crates, and asking for a commission on them, and that therefore, we have no crates to deliver. The only particle of truth in this whole statement is that we did write Merryday & Co. for a part of a car of panel end heads for immediate delivery to match slats which we have on hand.

Our mills are busy on orange box material and did not want to stop to make pineapple crate heads. But Merryday & Co. could not furnish them for the same reason, and our mills are making them.

We are prepared to deliver two hundred thousand crates between March 1st and May 15th, 1907, and we have a better price than our competitors.

We have pineapple wraps and nails at bottom prices, too.

EAST COAST LUMBER & SUPPLY CO.,  
G. F. Paddison, Treasurer.

## Wanted to Rent.

Man and wife wish to rent for the winter a small furnished cottage, or a few furnished rooms suitable for light housekeeping, in a small village away from the usual run of tourists. Possession wanted at once. Write particulars and terms. W. B. Dobson, Alpena, Mich.

Mrs. Maud Richards of Eden, was in town Monday.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF A CHILD

### Sheldon Gray Passed Away on Monday Morning.

Sheldon, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gray, died suddenly Monday of diabetes. The child had been ill for several days, but was not considered critical, and Mr. Gray went to work as usual Monday morning, with no idea of the near presence of death in his family.

Sheldon expressed a desire to be placed on another bed where he could look out of the window and his mother picked him up to carry out his wish, and during the short journey across the room he expired in his mother's arms.

His father, who has charge of Fee & Stewart Company's plumbing department, was at once notified by phone, and hastened home as fast as possible, but the boy's spirit had passed into the great beyond.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at the home, just north of town, Rev. T. W. Tomkies conducted the last sad rites.

## REV. TOMKIES TRANSFERRED

### Rev. O. Boggess succeeds him as Pastor at Fort Pierce.

Rev. T. W. Tomkies returned Monday night from Palatka where he had been attending the annual conference of the Methodist church. His many friends here were anxious to know where he would be sent for the next year, for according to conference rules he could not serve Fort Pierce church any longer, having served the four years limit at one charge.

When the appointments were read his lot was thrown with the Palmetto church in Manatee county and Rev. O. Boggess of Kentucky, was named for the Fort Pierce and Stuart churches.

During Rev. Tomkies four years' ministrations in Fort Pierce and Stuart he has made hundreds of warm friends who are loath to part with him, but wish him all that is good for his new work.

Rev. Boggess arrived Tuesday evening and was met at the train by several members of his congregation and he is now being introduced to our people by whom he is heartily welcomed.

## Target-Shooting.

Target shooting for points will be one of the features of Christmas festivities. On Monday morning at 8 o'clock the following events will be pulled off. Rifle shooting, shot-gun shooting with small shot and shot-gun with buck shot. The shooting will take place at the end of Cobb's dock and the following rules will govern.

Winner in any contest not allowed to participate in subsequent events.

Special contests arranged for winners in open events.

Only open sights allowed.

Special long range rifles, or barrel over 26 inches forbidden.

This will no doubt prove interesting as there are several good marksmen in Fort Pierce and we predict some good scores. Everybody invited to witness the contest. This sport will be open only to the whites.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hogg of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hogg of Waveland, and Mr. and Mrs. Kruger and family of Stuart, were the guests on Sunday of Mrs. Benj. Hogg at the Riverview.

## NEW DRUG STORE SOON OPEN

### A. E. Trowell Drug Company Are Nearly Ready for Business.

The A. E. Trowell Drug Company announce that they will be open for business in their new store on Pine street tomorrow, Saturday and while they will not have every thing in complete order, they will be prepared to serve their customers with everything in the drug and drug sundry line.

For a week or ten days the carpenters have been putting on the finishing touches, building counters, etc. For the same length of time goods have been constantly arriving and Messrs. Tedder and VanLandingham have been busily engaged in opening, marking and arranging them until they now have them displayed in a tasty and attractive manner in the handsome show-cases.

Everything in the store is new and fresh. The fixtures were ordered to fit the room and therefore present an artistic effect with no glaring contrasts to mar the arrangement of the whole. In appearance it will compare favorably with drug stores of larger towns. The new fountain has just been put in place and is a beauty, with all modern attachments. They will make special effort in their cold drinks in addition to their regular line of drugs. They expect to have their soda fountain connected up by the first of next week.

W. E. Tedder, a registered pharmacist, with several years experience, will have charge of the prescription department, and Herbert VanLandingham, who has had considerable drug store experience in Miami, will be behind the counter and dispense the cool and refreshing soft drinks.

A. E. Trowell and Dr. W. E. VanLandingham, both well known citizens of Fort Pierce, are the firm members and with them to push it, and other things considered, the new store has every assurance of success.

Call and look over the new store and look for their ad in next week's News.

## STREET PAVING MOVING FAST

### Orange Avenue and Pine Street Being Graded.

The street paving is progressing in a most satisfactory manner, and the material is proving a good road substance. Four teams are kept constantly hauling rock, while twelve men are employed at the pit digging and loading wagons. Two men do the spreading, while two more with scraper and team are grading Pine street.

The main road the entire distance from the railroad on Orange avenue to the crossing of Pine and Palmetto will first be finished and then the work of filling in to the curbing will be completed.

Within two weeks the roadway will be finished up to Palmetto avenue, and it will mean much to users of teams. When the paving is completed, this part of our streets will compare favorably with those of any other town.

We understand it is to be rolled and hardened while it is yet pliable, that being the case it will present a perfectly smooth surface.

Don't miss the matinee tomorrow afternoon, The Adventures of Smith, Saturday December 22, 1906.

Robert Sinclair, our deputy Circuit Clerk, shipped last week from Fort Pierce, lumber for a new dwelling to be built on his recently acquired land near Oslo.

Dr. W. N. Coon and F. R. Trice, of Jensen, were in Fort Pierce Saturday trying to arrange for a baseball game between the two towns, but it is still hanging fire.

State Senator Guy Gillen and family, of Lake City, arrived in town Wednesday evening and are visiting Judge and Mrs. Otis R. Parker. Senator Gillen is also postmaster at Lake City and one of the most prominent citizens of Columbia county.

Trez Feaster, who for the past year or so has been in Minnesota, has been spending a few days this week with friends in Fort Pierce. After a visit of a few weeks in Florida he will return north, where he expects to be pulling a throttle next summer.

## FORT PIERCE DRUG COMPANY

For years the only drug store in Fort Pierce has been the store of the Fort Pierce Drug Company on the corner of Pine street and Palmetto avenue. This business was established several years ago by P. P. Cobb and C. P. Platts under the name of the Red Cross Drug Company, and managed by Dr. Platts, who also covered the field in professional practice. This company built the store which has since been used by the company. It is a two story frame building 30x50 feet, the lower floor being used as store and the second story being fitted as phys-

ician's offices and dental parlors and at present used by Dr. VanLandingham and Dr. Feigel respectively.

About three years ago Marion M. Hendrix bought the entire drug business and under the name of the Fort Pierce Drug Company successfully conducted it on the same high plane upon which it was established. Last summer, desiring to remove from the State, he sold out to his brother and sister, Percy H. and Miss Hattie Hendrix. Since that time the store has been under the management of Percy H. Hendrix, who informs us that the business

has increased 30 per cent since the change.

Mr. Hendrix also conducted a drug store at Jensen, and has now consolidated the two, thus increasing the stock almost double.

The firm has made rapid strides to the front and this year made special efforts for the Christmas trade. They carry everything found in a first class drug store and take particular pains with all prescriptions intrusted to their care. Their big ad. on page 8 will tell you what they carry in stock and offer to the Christmas shoppers.